

June 28, 2016
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Mayor McMullin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Borough Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

Mayor McMullin announced that the meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of the meeting were sent to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 28, 2016. In addition, notices also were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Bray, Council President Carra,
Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi, Councilman
Sibilia
Absent: None *Councilwoman Danyluk resigned effective
June 24, 2016
Also Present: Mayor McMullin, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough
Administrator Jaxel, Borough Engineer McGregor
and Borough Clerk Colvin

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Foohey led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2016-06-104 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Personnel and Contract Negotiations

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi and seconded by Councilman
Sibilia, Council moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-06-104.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilia
Nay: x
Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi and seconded by Councilman
Bray, Council moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilia
Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McMullin opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Don Tozzi, Glaser Street: Said the Basilone Bowl will be at Somerville High School this Thursday night at 7 p.m. Mr. Tozzi presented Council President Carra with a certificate from the Basilone Foundation for all the volunteer work she has been doing for the Foundation. He said the Duck Race is looking good, as is the Basilone 9/11 Baseball Game.

Jim Fidacaro, Lynwood Street: Stated the Historic and Cultural Committee was recognized by the County for two booklets written on Raritan. The Committee is also planning to honor the Wall of Heroes outside the Meeting Room with banners Downtown prior to the parade in the fall. There is an article on the Raritan Borough website and an advertisement in the newspaper. There will be 27 banners for sale for \$100.00 each, sponsors names will be on the banner. Also, Mr. Ficararo asked for the Department of Public Works employees to hang the banners.

Craig Ferante, Charlotte Drive, Bridgewater: Said there is a 16 foot buffer between Raritan and Bridgewater. A large tree on property he believes to be owned by the Borough of Raritan is close to falling down. He is concerned about the safety of his family. Mr. Ferante showed pictures of the tree to Mayor and Council.

Mayor McMullin: Said a survey is being conducted by Engineers to determine whether the tree is on Raritan or Bridgewater property and the matter will be resolved as soon as possible after the survey result.

Marie Vale, First Avenue: Requested the Raritan Police increase patrols on Riverside Avenue. Ms. Vale said there have been items taken from her yard. On one occasion, she said two intoxicated neighbors approached her front porch while she was on it.

Mayor McMullin: Encouraged Ms. Vale to contact the Police Department and assured her the Department will respond.

Councilman Foohey: Also told Ms. Vale to report what she sees and asked all residents to be vigilant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 14, 2016 - Regular Meeting

June 14, 2016 - Executive Session

On a motion by Council President Carra and seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive sessions of June 14, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

WORK SESSION

1. Transfer of Dirt from Washington School Park (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel informed council the Department of Public Works would like to move excess dirt and use it to fill an area where workers removed a swing set.

2. Electronics Program (DC)

Council President Carra said the Department of Public Works is looking for direction from Council. Residents have been asking workers to bring televisions down from inside homes. Mayor McMullin and members of Council were in agreement that workers should not be entering residents' homes to assist.

3. Council Meetings in July and August (DJ)

Mayor McMullin said the Governing Body, in January, discussed once a month meetings for July and August. No conclusion was reached, but Council will still hold the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016.

4. Architectural Proposal for 16 Anderson Street Firehouse (DJ)

Administrator Jaxel said the process is in Phase III and asked Council for approval before doing the paperwork to move forward.

Attorney Wenner asked council for a consensus.

Recorded Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried, 5-0

Mayor McMullin said he was at the Library ground breaking and would like to see a grant submitted.

5. 2016 Capital Budget (DJ)

Mayor McMullin said this matter would be moved to the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016.

6. Bell Avenue Streetlight (JF)

Councilman Foohey said this is an old issue that resurfaced. He said there is only one light on one side of Bell Avenue between the funeral home and Thompson Street.

Mayor McMullin said there are some standards regarding traffic safety. Engineer McGregor said she has access to a light meter and will bring it to the location.

7. TV for Presentations (JF)

Councilman Foohey informed Council he would like the Borough to purchase a \$600, 60 inch television, with USB capabilities, for the Meeting Room for use by Council and other entities, including the Planning Board. He said this could also be beneficial for the Borough Engineer when describing various projects.

Mayor McMullin suggested an overall Technology Plan for the Borough, rather than separate, incremental purchases. He said the County has been extremely helpful and might be able to assist. The Mayor also expressed concern regarding the potential risks associated with flash drives being plugged into Borough property.

Councilman Giraldi said such a plan could also include software.

Councilman Sibilgia agreed, adding reaching out to departments and boards and asking for feedback, could assist in forming a plan.

8. DeCicco Drive Tree (DC)

Council President Carra informed Council there is a rotting tree at DeCicco Drive and Richard Street. In order to have access to the tree for removal, there is a fence that would need to be removed. The property owner does not want the fence removed. A quote was received for \$1,100.00 by a climber, \$2,800.00 for a bucket truck.

Mayor McMullin asked to have three quotes and have the matter discussed at the next meeting.

9. Filling of Vacant Council Seat

Mayor McMullin said Councilwoman Danyluk submitted her resignation, effective Friday, June 24, 2016. He wished Ms. Danyluk well in the future and said he looks forward to the Committee presenting a list of three names from which Council will select a replacement at the Regular Meeting on July 12, 2016.

Administrator Jaxel revisited the issue of July meetings. He stated bills are paid at the second meeting of the month and asked whether a second meeting will take place in July. Mayor McMullin said the decision will be made at the July 12, 2016 meeting.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2016-08 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Appropriating and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$8,080.00 to be Financed through the Use of Capital Surplus

Mayor McMullin explained the Ordinance would make funds available for the Fire Department to purchase radios that would work with the new County radio system.

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-08. Seeing no hands, Mayor McMullin closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilman Sibilgia, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-08.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilgia

Nay: xxx

Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2016-09 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, to Fix and Determine the Salaries, Wages or Compensation to be Paid to Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Raritan

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-09.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: xxx

Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2016-06-105 - Certifying the 2015 Annual Report of Audit

Resolution No. 2016-06-106 - Approving the 2015 Annual Report of Audit Corrective Action Plan

Resolution No. 2016-06-107 - Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2016-2017

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to approve all Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-06-108, the Bill List, for the period May 23, 2016 through June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$2,233,400.77.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried 5-0

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

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Police - Annual Maintenance Fee for Power DMS Software -
PowerDMS, Inc - \$3,045.72

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey,
Council moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Recreation - Pavilion Base Relocation from Cardinal Woods to
Basilone Park - Paternoster Contracting, Inc. - \$3,600.00

Mayor McMullin thanked Council for moving quickly to get this
item done quickly.

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman
Giraldi, Council moved to approve the above listed purchase
order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Police - Annual Police Maintenance - Mid-Atlantic Telephone -
\$2,985.00

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,
Council moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Parade Committee - Contribution for John Basilone Annual Parade
- \$19,000.00

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,
Council moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

Mayor McMullin requested a motion to approve \$3,800 for the concrete apron that was done at the Frelinghuysen Pool on Sherman Avenue.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey,
Council moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee (DC/CM)

Mayor McMullin said the Governing Body received the resignation letter from the Property Maintenance Official, who is retiring. The Mayor asked for the Ad Hoc committee to consist of Council Members, Landlords and members of the General Public. The Committee would report back on the existing program and how to best move forward after the retirement.

2. Tablet Update (JF)

Councilman Foohey said all members of Council now have a tablet and access to Wi-Fi, which will eliminate the need for paper printouts at meetings beginning in July 2016.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Sibilialia said he had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Foohey said he spoke with the Fire Chief about thermal imaging cameras and would like to purchase them for the Fire Department. He said the cost would be approximately \$8,400 for two.

Also, the County cleaned out the pipe in Duke Island Park that feeds the canal from the river and it has helped some with the stagnant nature of the water. Rain is needed.

Council President Carra reported the preliminary Borough tax rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed value is 2.34.

Mayor McMullin said regional fees went up and he has spoken with the Borough Attorney and the County about potential legislation and/or other means to change the process of assessment.

Councilman Bray reported under Recreation that both Borough pools are now open for the season. Also, doing research regarding the Somerville spray park and will have more at the next meeting.

Councilman Giraldi said he had nothing to report this evening. He will attend the Basilone Committee meeting tomorrow evening.

Mayor McMullin said the Library broke ground on the extension June 16. On June 20, the Mayor said he had an initial meeting with professionals about the redevelopment of 3rd and 1st. Also, he visited the Manville Police Department, which he said is a great example of a functional and affordable police facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Fidacaro, Lynwood Street: Thanked Councilman Giraldi and Councilman Foohey for their support of the Historic and Cultural Committee and all of the Governing Body for sponsoring many of the activities they do. Spoke with a representative of PSE&G and was informed the light will be up at the Basilone Statue by July 4. The Committee will partner with the Library in November. Also, the Committee is discussing having a Civil War reenactment sometime next year. Additional details about these happenings and others will be provided in upcoming months.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Sibiliala, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: All in Favor

Motion Carried, 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

TRANSCRIBED BY:

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ERIC M. COLVIN, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____